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1. From 5 to 30 December, occupation strength figures at the Karpin installation were apparently unchanged. Training activity was limited to constant record practices in the wooded area around Jaegerbrueck which included firing practices of tanks, light artillery and mortars and record practices with rifles. dummy targets set up in the Neumuehl-Jaegerbrueck area included small houses, churches, etc. 25X1
2. At 2200 on 5 December, about 300 apparently new trucks passed through Eggesin toward the wooded area. At 1600 on 20 December, 6 dirty trucks which were occupied by KVP soldiers equipped with rifles came from the direction of the wooded area. At 1600 on 28 December, 12 to 15 trucks which were also occupied by KVPs travelled from Ahlbeck toward the wooded area. 25X1
3. On 23 December, about 1,000 men who were given furlough departed from the Eggesin railroad station. The same number of soldiers departed on 29 December. On 28 December, soldiers returned to their billets from furlough throughout the day.
4. At about 0400 on 5 January 1955, a column of about 400 men who apparently carried field packs marched from the wooded area toward Eggesin. so-called command-post exercises were held in the Jaegerbrueck - Neumuehl - Karpin area from 10 to 14 January. On 10 January, the road south of Eggesin was closed. the area was off limits to civilians for the time being. Some groups of soldiers in the area were observed at entrenching attempts in the frozen soil. At about 0800 on 11 January, several T 34/85 tanks, an undetermined number of armored scout cars and about 8 trucks which were occupied by enlisted men travelled from the wooded area toward Ahlbeck. At different times from 10 to 14 January, the noise caused by moving track-laying vehicles was daily heard from the Neumuehl area. 25X1

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8. On 9 January 1955, an atomic defense training course was started at the 1st Mecz Regt. It was scheduled to be terminated on 19 January. About 220 NCOs, eight of them from the 2d Mecz Regt attended the course. They were to be used as atomic defense instruction NCOs at the several battalions.

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At present, the trainees were instructed in the so-called deactivation of combat zones. A four week's atomic defense course in Sternbuchholz was allegedly scheduled for February 1955. This course was to be attended by the atomic defense staff officers of all KVP units in East Germany.⁴

9. From 10 to 16 January, a training course for observers was held at the 2d Mecz Regt. It was attended by 12 officers and 65 NCOs who came from all artillery units of Mechanized Division Eggesin.
10. Prior to 10 January, a total of about 260 recruits was assigned to the 2d Mecz Regt. Since this figure is considerably lower than the figure of discharges, it was evident that there was an increase in total strength as compared to the status of November and December 1954. Some of the barrack rooms, original capacity of which was 40 men, housed up to 60 men. On 15 January, the regimental school numbered 107 men.
11. Intensive training activity started on 5 January. The recruits were divided up and assigned to squads and platoons. On 10 January, component units of the 2d and 3d Mecz Regts, component units of the artillery battalion and the tank battalion of the 2d Mecz Regt, and an undetermined unit from Section A of the installation were observed leaving. Weapons

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observed at the troops included 2 x 122-mm howitzers, 4 field guns, 4 x 57-mm AT guns, and 2 T 34/85 tanks. Night exercises were also held during the following nights. Other command post exercises which were to make acquainted the troop commanders with the special conditions of winter warfare were scheduled for late January.⁵

12. On 5 January, 20 T 34 tanks were observed in sheds in that section of the barracks area which was occupied by the 2d Mecz Regt.
13. From 18 December 1954 to 11 January 1955, the AAA unit under Rau (fnu) in Altwarp still numbered about 400 men as observed previously. They were given leave in two groups of 200 men who were absent over Christmas and the New Year's Day respectively.

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14. On 29 December, 18 x 37-mm AA guns and 12 AA machine guns were observed in the garages, while 22 x 37-mm AA guns were observed on 7 January. As was the case in early December 1954, 4 x 37-mm AA guns and an undetermined number of personnel moved to the Berlin area and it was believed that this component unit had returned prior to 7 January.

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15. Prior to the beginning of the Christmas leave, activities were limited mainly to fatigue duty and maintenance work on the vehicles. Normal training activity was started on 5 January. An undetermined number of men were observed practicing the emplacing and displacing of 4 guns and 4 AA machine guns in the area between the garages. Other soldiers were observed at aiming practices with a small wooden aircraft which moved along the cable and served as a target. From 100 to 150 men were observed at field training, and 50 men were observed at maintenance work on the vehicles and guns.

16. [REDACTED] until 11 January, the driving-school unit still numbered 200 men as was previously observed. The unit [REDACTED] was apparently independent. Due to the icy roads there was no driving activity. Technical instruction was held in the former ODD camp which included 10 low buildings and had an emergency capacity of up to 1,000 men.

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17. At 2000 on 16 December, 6 tanks which were apparently T 34/85 tanks were detrained by KVPs at the Eggesin railroad station, while 10 new AA guns, apparently of 85-mm, were detrained there on 22 December.

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1. [REDACTED] 25X1
2. [REDACTED] Comment. In the fall of 1954, 75 NCOs and EM have allegedly been discharged from the 2d Mecz Regt. On 31 October, after this discharge action, the regiment totalled 1,600 men which was evident from records of the billeting office. See paragraph 1 and 5, [REDACTED] 25X1
Consequently, the regiment should total over 1,800 men. Since NCOs and EM are accommodated in 30 rooms, each of which presumably quarters 60 men, this method of strength computation arrived at the same figure which is approximately midway between the peacetime strength and the wartime strength of a Soviet mechanized regiment. [REDACTED] 25X1
3. [REDACTED] Comment. It is believed that the reassignments have come from the tank instruction battalion which is stationed at Spechtberg. It is noted that the strength figures for officers and NCOs are very low. It is doubted that this statement is correct since 80 to 100 men are required alone as crews for the 20 T 34 tanks which have been observed. [REDACTED] 25X1
4. [REDACTED] Comment. A previous report has mentioned that a similar course of instruction has been held as early as November 1954. [REDACTED] 25X1
5. [REDACTED] Comment. The mortar regiment and the engineer battalion are located in Section A of the Karpin installation. [REDACTED] 25X1
6. [REDACTED] 25X1
7. [REDACTED] Comment. A previous report [REDACTED] in September 1954 stated that the AAA regiment had 26 x 37-mm AA guns at that time. It is considered very doubtful that the four guns dispatched had come back prior to 7 January. [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] It is quite possible that a battery of the AAA regiment has been detached to this school for a predetermined period, while it is possibly that the men dispatched have been used as cadre personnel for the AAA unit which has been activated in Strausberg/Eggersdorf. [REDACTED] 25X1
8. [REDACTED] Comment. The guns have possibly been consigned to AAA Regiment Altwarp. The corresponding Soviet regiments have 85-mm AA guns. [REDACTED] 25X1
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